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## ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

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THIS being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Honour The Honourable LEMUEL JOHN TWEEDIE, K. C., LL. D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, came to the Assembly Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, was pleased to open the Session with the following

## SPEECH:

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

It affords me much pleasure to welcome you on assembling for the discharge of your Legislative duties for the first time since the General Elections, and to extend a hearty greeting to those of you who are now assuming the important duties of Legislators as well as to those who have previously occupied seats in this Assembly.

The people of New Brunswick in common with those of the rest of Canada have during the past year enjoyed a fair measure of prosperity and contentment; good prices have prevailed for the products of the farm and our people have been able to obtain employment at good wages. The financial stringency which prevailed in many countries only slightly affected the business of this Province.

The exports by water from the City of Saint John during the past winter season have been the largest in the history of Canada's principal winter port, and with the development of the Canadian West and its rapidly growing population, increased business must in the future result for the Province and its chief commercial city.

Since I took my leave of you at the close of the last Session, this Province has been honoured by a visit from His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, his consort Lady Grey, and members of their family. His Excellency was accorded a most cordial welcome by the people of New Brunswick, not only in recognition of the distinguished position he occupies as the representative in the Dominion of His Majesty The King, but because of his own personal worth and merits as a man, and the great services which he has rendered to the Empire as a Statesman and a diplomat in the important positions which he has occupied under the British Crown.

I have reason to believe that the reception accorded to His Excellency in this Province was most gratifying to him and his amiable and accomplished consort.

In accordance with authority conferred upon my Government at its last Session importations of horses from Great Britain and of sheep from Ontario were made during this year and were sold at public auction to Agricultural Societies and private breeders, realizing fair prices. It is hoped that the importation will have a beneficial effect